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To the Busy Man



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Are Better Than the Best.

Industries Safeguarded

Crow's Nest Southern Bill Passed the Railway Committee Without Opposition.

There Must Be No Discrimination Against the Consumers of Canada.

The Agreement May Be Terminated When Satisfactory Competition Shall Exist.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 18.—At the railway committee today the Crow's Nest Southern Bill passed without opposition.

Hon. Clifford Sifton read the following agreement, after which the bill was adopted without amendment, excepting that the last clause was changed providing that the agreement might be suspended instead of terminating upon effective and satisfactory competition existing:

"Agreement between the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., the Crow's Nest Southern railway, and His Majesty the King, herein represented by the government of the Dominion."

The preamble recites the application to parliament for a charter and continues:

"The coal company and railway company, for diverse good and valuable considerations, do hereby covenant with the government as follows:

"(1) That neither by action of the coal company in regard to prices at which coal or coke shall be sold, nor by the action of the railway company respecting the cost of transportation, whether by discrimination, rebates or otherwise, nor by the action of both such companies, either acting by themselves, alone, or in connection with transportation agencies south of the international boundary line, shall coal or coke, either or both, be sold for consumption outside of Canada, or to consumers outside of Canada at prices which discriminate unfairly against consumers in Canada.

"(2) If at any time upon satisfactory evidence given to the Governor-General-in-Council, he should be of opinion that the spirit of this agreement is being violated, then and in every such case and when so often as such violation occurs, the Governor-General-in-Council may impose upon the coal company and railway company such restrictions and conditions respecting supplies of coal or coke and transportation thereof, to or for the use of consumers outside of Canada, for such length of time and within such limits as he may think fit with a view to preventing such unfair discrimination.

"(3) The order-in-council imposing such restrictions and conditions shall be published in the Canada Gazette, and, if after such publication the coal company sells or supplies coal or coke, or the railway company transports coal or coke contrary to the terms of such order, the company so violating the terms of such order shall pay, and hereby covenants to pay, to the government as liquidated damages for such breach, the sum of \$3 for each and every ton of coal or coke so sold or supplied or transported, the amount of such damages to be recovered by the action of the Attorney-General of Canada on behalf of the government in any court of competent jurisdiction.

"(4) The reason for requiring the said companies to enter into this agreement being that at present it is believed by the government that there is no effective and satisfactory competition by other coal and coke producers in Canada; it is agreed that when by order of the Governor-General-in-Council it is declared that by the opening of other coal mines or manufacture of coke by others such effective and satisfactory competition has arisen, then this agreement shall terminate with respect to coal or coke,

or both, according to nature of such competition."

Railway Bills.

The New Westminster-Northern Yukon, on A. Morrison's motion, was referred to a sub-committee to report.

The Kootenay Central Railway Bill was reported.

The Alberta Coal Co. Bill and the Algoma Central were reported.

Union Label Bill Thrown Out.

At a meeting of the banking and commerce committee in the senate today, the Trades Union Label Bill was thrown out almost unanimously. Letters were read from unions threatening to boycott the MacDonald tobacco factory in Montreal, which had a decided effect against the bill.

THE SCENES IN CHURCH.

Duke of Newcastle Denounces Action of Mr. Kensit.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 18.—The Herald quotes the Duke of Newcastle, who is staying in this city, and is regarded as one of the leaders of the ritualist movement in England, as denouncing the scene which prevailed at the installation of the Bishop of London, in which Mr. John Kensit figured prominently.

"I think it is typical of the Anglo-Saxon for the minority to attempt to overthrow the majority by lawlessness." His Grace is quoted as saying. "Mr. John Kensit declared several months ago that he would break up the installation of the Lord Bishop of London, Mr. John Kensit is like your Mrs. Carrie Nation of Kansas. Neither one is truly representative of any class, creed or political principle. Like Carrie Nation, John Kensit is a free lance, doing injury to the cause that he extols."

Blaze In Chinatown

Fire at Cumberland Destroys Joss House, Stores, Bakery and Gambling Dens.

Great Excitement Among Chinese, Who Tried to Save Their Goods.

Church, Jail and Opera House Burned at Mayville—Car Shops in Ruins.

(Special to the Times.)

Cumberland, April 18.—Chinatown was gutted by fire last evening. Twelve of the principal houses right in the heart of Chinatown have gone up in smoke, nothing being left but one chimney. The joss house, two stores, a bakery, barber shop and several gambling houses were amongst the places burnt.

The fire started in a boarding house, and for a time there was great excitement. Chinamen were to be seen hurrying about in all directions, carrying off their goods to places of safety.

Over Half a Million.

James-town, N. Y., April 18.—A disastrous fire occurred at Mayville, the county seat of Chautauque county, at 2 o'clock this morning.

The county jail was destroyed, but the prisoners were all rescued. The business blocks between the jail and the Mayville house were all destroyed, including St. Paul's Episcopal church and the opera house.

The total loss will reach \$700,000, the principal business part of the town having been destroyed.

Car Shops and Cars Destroyed.

Rochester, N. Y., April 18.—The New York Central car shops at East Rochester were destroyed by a fire of mysterious origin early this morning. Besides the shops between fifty and sixty freight cars, some loaded with merchandise, telegraph poles and nearby outbuildings were also destroyed. The loss is about \$150,000, with insurance nearly half.

Children Caused Fire.

Chatham, Ont., April 18.—Theophile Probert, a prominent Dover township farmer, lost his barn, granaries and outbuildings by fire yesterday, caused by his children playing with matches in the barn.

FIBRE TRADE FOR PORTO RICO.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 18.—Porto Rico is to enjoy free trade with the United States on and after July 1st this year, according to a Herald special from Washington, the act putting into effect the present tariff with merchandise shipped over the Porto Rican assembly should meet and put into operation a system of local taxation to meet the necessities of the government, the President should make a proclamation thereof, thereupon all tariff duties on merchandise and articles going into Porto Rico from the United States or coming from Porto Rico into the United States should cease. The Porto Rican assembly has enacted a local tax law in the so-called Hollander law, some features of which have already gone into effect, and all of which will be in effect on July 1st.

MINING ENGINEER DEAD.

Richard P. Rothwell Passes Away at His Home in New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 18.—Richard Pennfather Rothwell is dead at his home in this city. He was a mining engineer and journalist of distinction. He was born at Ingersoll, Ont., in 1837. His education was gained at private schools, Trinity College, Toronto, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, from which he was graduated in 1858, at the Imperial School of Mines at Paris, and at the Mining Academy at Freiberg, Saxony. For the Hazard Manufacturing Company he designed and built what is still probably the largest wire rope plant in the United States. He made many notable inventions.

A WOMAN'S "NO."

Refusal of Marriage Leads to Murder and Suicide.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, April 18.—Madame Lascher Englander, living at Passy, was murdered yesterday by Ferdinand Ernest because she refused to marry him. Ernest, who was born in Chicago, and who is said to be director of the Manchester House and a British subject, then shot himself. All of the parties were prominent socially.

The victim was a woman of independent means. The murderer, who died in a hospital, left arrangements for defraying of funeral expenses of the victim from his personal estate.

CRITICIZED THE KAISER.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, April 18.—Prince Herbert Bismarck has made a speech at Bonn. He criticized Emperor William's six-year course, quoting the older Bismarck's words: "The way of destruction for the government is to do first this and then that, and promise to-day what it does not do to-morrow." Prince Herbert praised Count von Buelow as the most capable German diplomatist, and recognized Von Buelow's interest in agriculture, but demanded that he follow up this with the assistance needed, which was an agricultural tariff.

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ROUND-THE-WORLD SERVICE.
Dorwell & Co. announce the completion of plans whereby their steamship line from Tacoma to London, by way of the Orient, Manila and the Suez, has been placed on a substantial basis with regular monthly sailing from Tacoma. The next sailing from Tacoma will be May 30th, when the British steamship Glenesk, 2,275 tons, will leave for London, and besides calling at Japanese and Chinese ports, will call at Manila, Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Colombo, Aden and the Mediterranean and continental ports to London and Liverpool. The Glenesk sailed from New York for Singapore December 20th, and was last reported by a party of searchers on Monday night near Black River. The cause of death is supposed to have been exposure. Deceased was over 80 years old, and had been missing since April 3rd.

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African Situation

Sir Alfred Milner Says the Boers Loot Village Stores of Supplies.

He Has Been Granted Leave of Absence For Purpose of Resting.

London, April 17.—A South African blue book containing recent dispatches from Sir Alfred Milner and the other official correspondence, is issued to-night. Sir Alfred Milner, wired under date of March 23rd requesting permission to return home at an early date upon leave of absence, for the purpose of resting. Mr. Joseph Chamberlain the colonial secretary, replied by granting the request, but expressed the government's regret that it should be necessary for Sir Alfred to leave South Africa at the present time, quite recognizing, however, the need for rest, and mentioning, three months as a possible period of absence. In a dispatch dated February 6th, Sir Alfred Milner reviews the situation in South Africa, which is, that he hoped some definite point would be reached at which it might be possible to sum up that chapter of history containing the war and forward the administrative reconstruction which must succeed it. "But I am reluctantly forced to the conclusion that there will be no such dividing line," continued Sir Alfred Milner. "I have not the slightest doubt of the ultimate result, but I foresee that the work will be slower, more difficult, more harassing and more expensive than was at one time attempted. At any rate it is idle to wait much longer in the hope of being able to describe a clear and clean cut situation. "In spite of the confused character of the present position, I think it better to attempt to describe however rough and inadequate the state of things as they exist to-day. It is no use denying that the last half of the year has been one of retrogression. Seven months ago this colony was perfectly quiet, at least as far as the Orange river. The southern half of Orange River Colony was rapidly settling down, and even a considerable portion of the Transvaal, notably the southwestern districts, seemed to have definitely accepted British authority and to be ready to return to orderly government and the pursuits of peace. "To-day the scene is completely altered. It would be superfluous to dwell on the increased losses to the country caused by the prolongation of the struggle and by the form which it has recently assumed. The fact that the enemy were now broken up into a great number of small parties raiding in every direction, and that our troops are similarly broken up in their pursuit, makes the area of actual fighting, and consequently of destruction, much greater than would be the case in a conflict between equal numbers operating in large masses. Moreover, the fight is now mainly over supplies. The Boers live entirely on the country through which they pass, not only taking all the food they can lay their hands on, but looting the small village stores of shoes, coffee, butter and sugar of all kinds, of which they are in great need. Our forces are compelled to denude the country of everything movable in order to frustrate the tactics of the enemy. The loss of crops and stock is the more serious to the Boers than farm burning, of which so much has been heard. I say this not at all as an advocate of such destruction. I am glad to think the measure is now seldom, if ever, restored to."

NOT FIT TRIBUNALS.
Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, April 17.—Germany, the United States, Great Britain and Spain have refused to recognize the Venezuelan courts as fit tribunals to adjudicate claims involving the rights of foreigners.

NOT FAVORED.
Liu Kuan May Kill Christians if Forced to Retreat by the Expedition of Allies.
Pekin, April 17.—A Presbyterian missionary, Killie has returned from San Ho where Christians were burned to death in December. Mr. Killie reports to Gen. Chaffee that some time ago several of his converts were killed. He had the guilty parties tried in the courts where they were convicted and sentenced to death subject to Li Hung Chang's signature. Mr. Killie came to Peking and saw Li Hung Chang, who said the men should be killed immediately. Upon going to San Ho three weeks later the missionary found the Chinese courts on the matter, who showed him a letter from Li Hung Chang, who gave him instructions that the men must not be executed, as they had only been convicted on the testimony of Christians, consequently the evidence was untrustworthy. Mr. Killie has a copy of the letter. In the meantime the French authorities replied that if the men were not executed within eight days they would take the law into their own hands and punish the Chinese officials likewise. The ministers of the foreign powers view with alarm the expedition against General Liu Kuan Ting, as they think he will retreat, probably leaving waste villages he traversed and killing native Christians, and that such action will be used as an excuse by the military for further aggression which would probably be the taking of Tai Yuan Fu, the capital of Shan Si province. At today's meeting of the foreign ministers the question of indemnities was considered. It is now estimated that £70,000,000 will cover all claims.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER.
Two Hundred Rifemen in Island of Cebu Still Hold Out.
Cebu, Island of Cebu, April 17.—A thousand troops of the island of Cebu are unable to accomplish the surrender or capture of the two hundred insurgent rifemen, who are still out. Col. McClelland says the terms the insurgents offered are impossible. Of the fifty towns a dozen of the larger have been organized under military or police control. The others are believed to have insurgent governments. Judge Taft addressing the convention to-day deplored the fact that Cebu was the least pacified province and called on the delegates to decide whether two hundred men would be permitted to restrain peace and prosperity, or whether the majority would organize and notify the mountain sulkers to cease causing trouble. If the people were not ready the commission would not supersede the military by civil control. The exhortation was received without demonstration. The leading Visayans from the 24 towns represented urged the organization of a provincial government and the wind up of the rebellion. The island probably will be organized as a province. The population numbers 650,000.

RISKING LIFE
To make a living! And we stand and stare up at the man in the clouds, wondering that any man can be so foolish. But what of the business man, who has barely time to snatch a hasty meal, and gulps down a lunch of pie and milk in a few minutes? He, too, is risking his life to make a living. Life is sustained by food properly digested and assimilated. The result of hasty eating and irregular meals is "weak" stomach, and a "weak" stomach means a weak man. When the stomach is weak the food eaten is not properly digested and cannot be perfectly assimilated, so that there is a daily loss of nutrition, which in time will result in physical collapse. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It enables the assimilation of all the nutritive values of the food eaten, and so builds up the body into sound health and strength. Mr. Neil Nelson, the celebrated Irish Comedian and Athletic of 77 Rodney Street, Camden P. W., writes: "I had tried everything possible to cure my ill-luck, while playing at R. F. Keith's Bijou Theatre, Philadelphia, in the States. I had a professional friend of mine advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I tried it, and, thank God, with good results."

FROM THE SOUTH SEAS.
R. M. S. Aorangi left for Vancouver at 5 o'clock last evening after discharging at the outer wharf 25 tons of tropical fruits and Australian canned meats. She brought in all 300 tons of cargo, this being considerably below the average amount of freight received by the Australian liners. Her passage north was a fine one, the only noteworthy incident being the passing of the Warrimoo 15 hours out of Brisbane and the Mowera on April 11th. The ship had 76 passengers all told, of whom 25 were landed for this city. Referring to the Aorangi's departure the Sydney Morning Herald says: "The departure of this vessel completes the conduct of the Sydney agency of Messrs. Burns, Phillip & Co., who have so long and so successfully carried out the 'all red' service. The vessel to follow the Aorangi will be the Union company's Moana, and many Australian liners will recognize in the Moana, under Capt. M. Carey, a once-popular mail steamer in the San Francisco service. The Moana is at present in port undergoing an overhaul preparatory to entering the new trade, and the Union company will in future act as the representatives of The Canadian line, Messrs. Burns, Phillip & Co. This makes an exchange of lines with the New Zealand company by taking up the management of the San Francisco service, which for many years was held by the Union company."

WELLINGTON'S CLOSE CALL.
According to the San Francisco Chronicle, prompt action on the part of Capt. Salmond, of the steamer Wellington, prevented a serious accident occurring at that port a few days ago. The tug Redmond had made fast to the Wellington to assist in getting her out of the creek, when orders were given to start the engines of the Wellington, and the captain was signalling to the engine room by means of the telegraph attached on the bridge when the instrument broke, allowing the indicator to stand at half speed ahead when half speed astern was intended. A hurried attempt to change the position of the indicator caused it to move full speed ahead. The headway of the big collier was rapidly increasing with the wharf dead ahead, and the more powerful engines of the Wellington were carrying the tug along with her when she struck the wharf. At the second mate with great vehemence had the engines stopped. The mate ran at the top of his speed to the engine room and shouted the order with equal vehemence. The startled engineer shut off steam just in time to save the destruction of a good part of Taylor's wharf and probably serious injury to the steamer.

THE CLERGY LIKE IT.
Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Cures All Creeds. It Relieves in 10 Minutes.
Here are a few names of clergymen of different creeds who are firm believers in Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder to "give up to the preaching." In all it claims: Bishop Sweetman, Rev. Dr. Langtry (Episcopalian); Rev. Dr. Withrow and Rev. Dr. Chambers (Methodist), and Dr. Newman, all of Toronto, Canada. Copies of their personal letters for the asking, 50 cents. Sold by Deen & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—4.

Distressing Scenes

Particulars of Frightful Explosion on Romana—Four Killed—Seven Injured.

The Egeria Furthering Work of Survey Along Northern Coast.

Further particulars of the explosion on the Fraser river steamer Romana, reported in last evening's Times, state that four were killed and seven badly injured. Those killed were: Mrs. Harry Morrison, of Fort Langley; Mrs. James Bailey, of Mount Lehman; James McKay, deckhand; and Andrew Phipps, deckhand. Of the injured it is said that not more than one or two are likely to survive. They are A. Power, purser; James Maynard, mate; Victor Nowell, fireman; two Indian men, one Indian woman, and one Indian baby. The explosion was one of the most disastrous of its kind in the annals of British Columbia shipping. It occurred as the little steamer was in mid-stream winding her way up Fort Langley to the farming settlements and stations along the upper river. Following the loud report of the explosion came the hissing of steam, and for a time all was enveloped in a cloud of vapor. Wreckage flew in all directions, the whole forward part of the steamer going in fragments, and the heavier portions falling apart as though all remaining would sink. The explosion is said to have been caused by the insecurity of a plate in the rear end of the boiler. Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Bailey were thrown from the bow, where they were standing, a considerable distance, and when picked up, dead, in the river, their clothes were all tattered and torn by the shock. The two deckhands were killed almost instantly, and were badly bruised and cut. They were hurled a distance of fifty feet from somewhere in front of the boiler. Purser Power is in the most precarious condition of those injured, his face being almost unrecognizable. He was frightfully burned by the escaping steam. Maynard's chances of living are said to be very favorable. The parties who put off to the rescue witnessed terrible sights. They soon succeeded in extinguishing the flames aboard and steered the wreck ashore. In the debris aboard were the remains of two firemen, human flesh, shreds of clothing, etc. All the injured and the bodies of the dead were at once taken to Port Haney, and there put aboard the train for New Westminster. The sight of the injured was pitiable beyond description, each being terribly cut and bruised. Of the passengers aboard who escaped injury were T. H. Averill, manager of the Westminster creamery; J. McIver, of West Hammond; Mrs. Nicholson and child and Mrs. Danfield and child. In describing the accident, Mr. Hunt, the steward, said: "I was clearing off the table in the dining room. I do not know what made me look out, but I walked to the open door and looked below. At that instant I heard a muffled explosion, and the same time everything was hidden from view by escaping steam and smoke. The front end of the boiler blew out and the deck behind me blew open. "Victor Nowell was at his post as fireman. He was terribly burned and scalded in the chest, back and legs. He remembers nothing. "Powers, the purser, and Maynard, the mate, were sorting freight near the boiler in front, and were terribly scalded. The Indians were hanging the ladder in front, as they always do, and for this reason were badly injured. "The two ladies, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Bailey, were to have got off at Langley Forks, the next stop, and had come down to see how near they were to the landing. They were in the bow and were both swept overboard by the escaping steam. Both parties and were quite dead when picked up. Mrs. Morrison's two children, a boy and girl, 10 and 12 years old, were with their mother on the ill-fated steamer. She told them to remain above while she went to see how near they were to Langley Forks, as she was afraid the captain might forget to put her off. This decision cost her life. Mrs. Bailey lost her husband by an explosion in the Blue Canyon mine, Idaho, a month ago. "The captain was very cool after the accident. The first thing he did was to call on the passengers to extinguish the fire. There was no steam to work the engines, so that buckets only were used. The burning his was scattered in every direction and extinguished. While this was being done the canvas and boats were being lowered, and as the crew were all injured, the passengers helped them into the boats and then got in themselves. At quarter to two all reached the railway track; the train which passed at 2 a. m. was flagged and the injured, 10 in number, put on board."

WELLINGTON'S CLOSE CALL.

SURVEYING THE COAST.
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TEES SAILS TO-NIGHT.
The Tees sails for Northern British Columbia ports to-night with a heavy freight for the canneries on the Skeena and Naas rivers. She will also be well loaded with passengers. Among those going North are W. Dempster, Bishop of Columbia, S. A. Spencer, A. C. Lovat, Dr. Newcombe, W. A. Wadsworth, Captain Salmond, and Hayward. Dr. Newcombe is making his regular trip North in the interests of natural history science. He will on this occasion make an investigation of the west coast of Queen Charlotte Island.

MARINE NOTES.
The brigantine "Bakley" will leave Seattle for Nome on May 10th. It is also announced that the North American Transportation & Trading company has added two more carriers to its Nome fleet. Both are schooners, one being built on Coos Bay, Oregon, and the other at Humboldt, Cal. Neither vessel has been named, though both are about completed. They will have a combined freight capacity of about 2,500 tons. Bark Senator, after a fourteen-day delay in port, will leave for sea to-night in tow of the tug Lorne. The latter is on her way down from Chemainus with the German ship Roland in tow, which is coming here to secure a crew. C. P. R. bulletin reports that the Oceanic arrived at New York at 11 a. m. yesterday.

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Provincial Parliament

Mr McPhillips Takes Strong Issue With His Leaders in the House.

The Public School Bill Read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Victoria, April 17, 1901.

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Wilson.

Petitions.

Mr. Martin presented a petition favoring government ownership of railways, Columbia & Western.

Hon. Mr. Wells introduced a bill to amend the Columbia & Western Subsidy Act. It was read a first time.

To Reclaim Arid Lands.

Mr. Fulton moved: "Whereas there are considerable areas of land in the dry belt of the interior of this province, which, if a sufficient water supply were obtainable, could be irrigated and brought under cultivation, and prove of great value:

"And whereas, every year, large quantities of water run to waste down the streams in the dry belt, which, if some practicable system of storing same were devised, could be conserved and utilized for irrigating the aforesaid lands:

"Be it therefore resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is desirable that the government of this province should take immediate steps to investigate fully the question of irrigation in this province, and, if possible, to devise means of bringing the arid lands of the dry belt under cultivation."

The Speaker ruled the resolution out of order.

Hon. Mr. Wells said the government was already entertaining a proposition in regard to the irrigation of these lands. There was no difference of opinion in the country in regard to the vast benefits which would flow from such a step. In the discussion which followed Mr. McPhillips held that the effect of such a ruling would be to prevent the House discussing important measures, unless the government took the initiative.

Messrs. Hayward, Ellison, A. W. Smith and Murphy deprecated the ruling, while Messrs. Martin and Brown supported the Speaker. A general discussion on the merits of the Speaker's ruling took place, although no appeal was taken from it, and the debate adjourned out of order.

Questions.

Mr. McInnes asked the Minister of Education the following questions:

Was any sum deducted from the salaries of teachers during the time agricultural shows were being held in their districts last year? If so, why, and from what teachers?

The Hon. Mr. Prentice replied as follows: "The following sums were deducted from the salaries of the teachers of the undermentioned schools during the months of August, September, October and November (these being the months in which agricultural fairs are usually held), 1900, in conformity with the provisions of clause 3, article 4, of the rules and regulations. The education department is unable to furnish information showing in what instances such deductions were made on account of teachers attending agricultural fairs."

A long table following showing deductions from teachers ranging from 80 cents to \$8.35.

Government Control.

The adjourned debate on the amendment offered by Hon. Mr. Eberts to the Midway & Vernon railway was then resumed. The amendment was as follows:

"That the following be added as new sections: "The company shall, before the railway is opened for the carriage of freight and passengers, give security to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council:

"(1) That the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have the absolute control of the rates for freight and passenger traffic;

"(2) That in the event of a charter being granted by the Dominion government to the promoters herein for a line of railway over or parallel to the route proposed in this act, the foregoing conditions shall be assumed and carried out by the company as incorporated, as a contract and obligations of said company prior to any other charge thereon."

An amendment to the amendment was moved by Mr. Martin, as follows:

"This act shall not come into force or effect until such time as the company shall give security to the amount of \$5,000 dollars, to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council:

"(2) That in the event of Dominion legislation bringing this railway company under the exclusive jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada, the foregoing conditions shall be deemed out by the company hereby incorporated, as a contract and obligation of said company prior to any other charge thereon."

Mr. Martin said he supposed that the rate set by the government would be a maximum one, and that the government would not interfere if the road wished to reduce its rates as low as it desired.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said it was the intention to so draft the statute that the government would have absolute control. It would be futile to insert a clause which would clash with Dominion powers.

Mr. McPhillips—That's what it will. Hon. Mr. Eberts replied that he didn't think it would. It was the intention of the government to prevent provincial jurisdiction being superseded. He had endeavored to head off any such attempt and if anyone could suggest a better clause to preserve the rights of the province he would be glad to accept it.

Mr. McPhillips suggested that he would have to disagree with the government. He would rather leave the chamber than do anything which would curtail the paramount authority of the Dominion government. First of all he was a Canadian; next to that he was a British Co-

lumbian. Could the House reasonably say that there were two tribunals to sit in judgment on the same matter? If this became law a Dominion tribunal could say that the rates should be so much, and the provincial that it should be so much. He predicted that if passed it would be disallowed. He would be recreant to his trust if he bowed to the changes of the country as the Attorney-General had indicated. This attempt to play to the populace by putting in something that they know was valueless could not be condemned in sufficiently strong terms.

Hon. Mr. Eberts—I did not say that. Mr. McPhillips—It comes to that. The authority of the best legal minds in Canada, he said, was that there was only one valid railway act, and that was the Dominion Railway act. He would write it on the journals of the House as un-Canadian. The leader of the opposition was getting the government to sidestep the matter which he had contended, but which had been condemned by the country. It would certainly be disallowed if passed.

Mr. Helmecken raised a point of order as to whether these amendments could be introduced without instruction from the House. The bill should be re-committed.

Mr. Martin—Hear, hear. That's right. Hon. Mr. Eberts said it had to be re-committed only when the member in charge of the bill objected to it.

Mr. Helmecken pointed out that the amendment applied to other bills also, and the consent of one private member would, in a sense, bind the House. In order to be regular it should be done by way of instruction.

The leader of the opposition submitted an amendment to the amendment, making the deposit \$1,000, the admission of which was strongly opposed by Mr. McPhillips, who held that it should have been on the order paper. The Speaker ruled that it was perfectly in order. Mr. McPhillips then asked the member in charge to let the bill stand over until the next sitting.

Hon. Mr. Eberts said he was willing to do this. He only wanted to preserve the rights of the province. The electorate gave them those rights, yet the minute he proposed to enforce them, it seemed he was doing wrong. He really did not know what to do.

Mr. Brown could not understand the position of Mr. McPhillips. He had often supported the government when they were wrong; now he differed from them when they were palpably right. More, he took the extraordinary position that the Dominion was to be considered first, and the province afterwards.

Mr. McPhillips—Hear, hear. Continuing, Mr. Brown said as provincial representatives their first duty was to the province. (Applause.) Mr. McPhillips had taunted the Attorney-General with yielding to the clamor of the people. It was a first duty for the government to take notice of the complaints of the country, and he congratulated the government on its attempt to remedy these.

The debate was adjourned. A number of bills down for their third reading stood over, owing to the same objection.

Reports Adopted.

The report of the Crawford Bay Railway Bill was adopted, as well as that of the Comox & Cape Scott Railway, Kamloops-Atlin Railway, the Yale-Northern Railway, the Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Bill, and the B. C. Mining Association.

Cost-Kootenay Railway.

The House went into committee on the Cost-Kootenay Railway Bill with Mr. Neill in the chair. The bill was reported complete without amendment.

Crow's Nest Southern.

The Crow's Nest Southern Railway Bill was committed with Mr. Clifford in the chair. The bill was reported without amendment.

Kootenay Central.

The Kootenay Central was then taken up in committee with Mr. Houston in the chair. The bill also was reported.

School Bill Passed.

On the third reading of the Public School Bill Mr. Curtis complained that some up-country schools had not been treated fairly in the matter of incidental expenses.

Hon. Mr. Prentice said he had found it impossible to accede to every demand on the department.

Mr. Brown also wanted the number of pupils to constitute a first class, and raised above one thousand. The attendance at New Westminster this year would exceed one thousand, and the city would therefore receive only \$13 a head instead of \$15. This would involve a very heavy loss on the city, which would be especially trying on the city in view of the great obligation imposed on it through the fire. He urged that the bill be raised \$2. The need was a low one.

Beattie's argument was based on local conditions. Hon. Mr. Prentice held that it could not be entertained. The change was for New Westminster. If granted, similar demands might be made for other cities where equal hardship was being worked.

Mr. Brown's amendment was lost on the following division: Ayes—Messrs. McLane, Gilmour, Stables, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Hawthornthwaite, Brown, Martin, Curtis—9. Nays—Messrs. Neill, Munro, Kidd, Green, Houston, Hall, McPhillips, Helmecken, Turner, Dunsinuir, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Clifford, Tatlow, Hayward, Garden, Fulton, Prentice, Wells, McBride, Murphy, Rogers, Taylor, Mounce—25.

The bill was read a third time and finally passed.

Upper Columbia Bill.

The Upper Columbia Navigation and Tramway Subsidy Act Amendment Bill also received its third reading and final passage.

Steam Boilers Inspection.

The House went into committee on the Steam Boilers Inspection Act with Mr. Neill in the chair. A long discussion took place on the advisability of reducing the inspection fees, but the amendment was defeated.

Progress was reported and the House adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. McPhillips to move, in committee of the whole on bill (No. 34) intitled "An Act to amend Chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia, being the 'Legal Professions Act,'" to add the following sub-sections:

"(a) Every such agreement entered into between a client and solicitor which prior to the passing of this act would have been held void for champerty or maintenance, shall be entered into, in writing, and shall be executed by all parties in the presence of a subscribing witness, and shall be filed in the registry of the Supreme Court out of which any writ for or against any part of the contract shall issue, respecting the subject matter of the contract, within ten days from the issue of the writ in the case of a plaintiff, and of the service of the writ upon the defendant, who entered into the agreement, or within ten days from the execution of the agreement in case it is entered into after action is commenced, and all contracts not in writing, or not so signed or witnessed, or not filed within the said period, shall be absolutely void and of no effect, and shall not be enforced in any court, and all registrars, government agents and mining recorders, etc., shall, before receiving for record such documents, require proof on affidavit that the provisions of this act have been complied with, and in default of such proof (which if received, shall be filed on record), he shall refuse to receive, file or record such agreement."

"(b) In all cases when an agreement, which before the passing of this act would be void for champerty or maintenance, is entered into, and between the plaintiff in any action and any other person, the defendant, or defendants, shall be entitled to security for costs, and a judge of any court, shall, on summons, order such amount of security to be given as shall be justly demanded by the defendant's solicitor, and the defendant shall be at liberty to apply from time to time for further security, and shall be entitled to such further security on showing that the security already ordered will probably be insufficient for securing his costs."

"On Friday next—Mr. Tatlow will ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "An Act to amend the 'British Columbia Immigration Act' 1900."

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Requests Granted

Increase in Salaries of Male Assistant Teachers Will Date From May 1st.

Question of Janitors' Pay Referred to Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The school board sat last night as a committee to take into consideration the request of the assistant male teachers for an increase in salaries. The board seemed to be united in their willingness to increase the salaries, bringing them up to a minimum of \$750, but the way to provide for the increase gave them considerable trouble.

Before going into committee upon the matter of salaries, some communications were taken up.

A communication from Frank H. Eaton, city superintendent, thanking the board for their kindness in granting him leave of absence, and expressing the hope that he would be able to return upon the expiration of the time, was read and filed.

A communication was received from Alex. Robertson, superintendent of education, who enclosed a letter from J. B. Pond, manager for Ernest Seton-Thompson, the Canadian explorer and lecturer, asking the co-operation of the school authorities in inviting the school children to attend his lecture upon wild animals, which is to be delivered here.

It was decided to notify the superintendent of education that the board would grant leave for the children to attend the lecture, but would give no financial assistance in the matter.

The education department submitted the half yearly statement upon which the grant is made. The statement showed the average attendance for the past half year as 2,239.32. The per-capita grant at \$2.50 per quarter totals for the half year \$5,525.20.

The board then went into committee of the whole to consider the matter of salaries. Trustee Drury in the chair.

The committee went carefully through the estimates with the object of seeing whether there were any funds available for the purpose. The overcrowding of some of the rooms would involve additional expense, as additional teachers would have to be obtained.

To increase the salaries of the male teachers to \$750 each, Trustee Jay pointed out, would require \$300 a year. For the two-thirds of the year which remain, \$300 would be required.

Trustee Brown moved that commencing the first of May the increase should be made, the minimum salary to be \$750. Trustee Hall thought the matter should be laid over until after the holidays. He believed in increasing the salaries.

Recent salaries were being overworked. There would have to be additional accommodation provided. By leaving the matter over until midsummer they would be able to ascertain more exactly what increase was warranted.

Trustee Huggott thought that there was danger in postponing, as it might mean losing the services of some of the teachers, whose action would be taken.

Trustee Belya, favored, re-reading the estimates, but at the present did not think that the board were in shape to say what the increase might be. He would be in favor of making any increase in salary date from May 1st.

The motion of Trustee Brown as amended, was finally carried as follows: "That the male assistant teachers who asked for an increase of salary be notified that the board intend to adjust the salaries from May 1st next, with a view of granting such increases as the finances of the board will permit."

The committee rose and reported the resolution, which was adopted.

The question of increased pay for the janitors of the schools, in which the manual training centres were located, came up for discussion. It was decided to refer the matter to the buildings and grounds committee to report at the next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

PLAQUE FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

After years of experience the fact still holds good that open pipes and buckets, filled with water, have not yet been surpassed in efficiency as "first aids" in fire fighting, and that more fires are annually put out by such pails and buckets than by all other appliances put together. One trouble with water pails for fire protection in manufacturing establishments always has been that, while they might be provided abundantly enough in places where they were likely to be of service, the water was apt to be wanting at a critical time, either because of evaporation, or its use by some borrower, and failure to replenish the supply. It seems worth while, therefore, to give the following particulars of the arrangement adopted by the Superintendent of a certain large mill with the object of overcoming this difficulty. The hooks from which the pails were suspended were fitted up with pieces of spring steel strong enough to lift the pail when nearly empty, but not sufficiently so to lift a full pail. Just over each spring, in such a position as to be out of the way of the pail, was a coil of wire, connected with a wire from an open circuit electric battery. So long as the pails were full, their weight, when hung on their hooks kept the springs down, but as soon as one was removed, or lost a considerable portion of its contents by evaporation or otherwise, the spring on the hook would rise, come in contact with the metal point, thus close the battery circuit, and ring a bell in the manager's office, at the same time showing on an annunciator where the trouble was. As the bell continued to ring until the weight of the delinquent pail was restored, it was impossible to disregard the alarm, and no further reason was found in that establishment to complain of the condition of the fire buckets. Cassier's Magazine.

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RECEIVING LIGHT.

The government of Canada for the first time in the history of the country has entered into a contract for a supply of home-made steel rails for the Intercolonial Railway. The manufacturer will be Mr. Clergue, an American, who has been instrumental in the establishment of great works of various kinds in the neighborhood of Sault Ste. Marie, in Northern Ontario. Incidentally we may say that the contract stipulates that the cost of these rails shall be the price current in Great Britain, and that the Conservatives in parliament opposed this provision, one of their leading financial critics contending that the rates in the United States should govern the contract. It was useless for the Minister of Railways to point out that the mills of the United States have entered into a combine, and that they are prepared to quote lower rates for delivery in Canada, Great Britain or any foreign country than for the home market. Under no circumstances would it be fair to accept their figures as representing the actual market price of steel. The Conservatives practically advocated measures which might result in the death of the industry which we have been trying to foster in Canada and which is held by those capable of judging as being worthy of the attention which it has received from the government. But the opposition is somewhat unreasonable at the present time, and it does not do to take it too seriously. If the government had really asked for tenders from Mr. Morgan's institutions and given the contract to them, the growth would have been even deeper and more prolonged. It is not considered patriotic for governments to go abroad for anything that can be obtained at home. And Conservatives are patriotic above all things.

But it was not with the inconsistencies of Conservatives we proposed to deal in this article. It was with the stupidity of Americans. Some of them, especially those along our border, are beginning to realize that they have put their foot in it as far as Canada is concerned. We were practically applicants for their favors for a great many years. They thought and we thought that their markets were necessary to our prosperity. We no longer think so, and some of them have misgivings on the subject. Our attention has been turned in another direction and their seems to be coming around to us. Our great natural resources are being turned to account by American practical business men, who are an entirely distinct class from the Yankee politicians. Our farmers have been shut out from the valuable markets of the great American cities, but under the direction of a practical farmer as Minister of Agriculture new ones have been found of far greater extent and practically guaranteed permanence. All that was necessary was efficient transportation facilities and the necessary cold storage accommodation. The excellent quality of the agricultural product of the province the construction of the C. P. Railway has afforded these

done the rest. All that seems necessary now to create satisfaction from the Atlantic to the Pacific is the making of the mining industries of this province as independent of the United States as are all classes in Eastern Canada. We believe it can be done, and we hope the subject will receive the consideration of the Dominion government. Our silver-lead mines should not be closed at the mandate of any foreign concern when there is a demand for their products on two continents.

The foregoing is from the Canadian point of view. The following from the Detroit News presents the American side of the case:

If there is a lesson to be drawn from the recital of the extraordinary undertakings of Francis H. Clergue, at Sault Ste. Marie and vicinity, it is that the politicians of the United States have been a parcel of fools in the matter of our relations with Canada. Here we have as our neighbors a growing and expanding nation of white people, living in a high state of civilization. Their language is our language, their tastes and wants are ours. We understand them, and are thoroughly prepared to cater to them. Their business methods are similar to ours, and it is easy for us, so far as that is concerned, to do business with them. In exchange for what we have to offer, they have a vast, almost unbounded, wilderness of raw materials of the very kind that we already need, and shall need more and more as time passes on.

It is not that we cannot get along without Canada and Canadian trade; but when a nation like this is prepared to shed blood to preserve the open door so that we may sell cotton goods to the Chinese; when the Filipinos who must be held if we have to shoot them; when we are preparing to open a department of commerce with a cabinet minister at its head, and to spend large sums for the introduction of American goods into South America; when these things are true, while Canada is overlooked, the conclusion is unavoidable, that in this matter the chosen representatives of the people are fools.

Why should we spend millions from the public treasury in seeking out trade with far distant people whose wants are few and whom we do not understand anyway, when here at our doors, to be had for the tipping of our hat in neighborly reciprocity, is a trade that we do know about, that we do understand, and that means more dollars per customer than could be achieved in the Far East after 1,000 years of seeking and cultivation?

RESOURCES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

No. 1.
It appears from the interest taken by the general public in the V. V. & E. controversy, that the advantages offered by Northern British Columbia for the employment of capital in successful enterprise may be thrown into the shade. The late director of the Canadian Geological Survey, than whom no one was more personally conversant with this region, has made the following statement:

"Reverting for a moment to the Cariboo district, where such notably rich deposits of alluvial gold have been found within a limited area, and where very often the gold obtained has been actually mingled with the quartz of the parent veins, it cannot be doubted that these veins will before long be shown upon to produce a second golden harvest. This district has suffered and still suffers from its great distances from efficient means of communication; but, notwithstanding this, praiseworthy efforts have already been made towards the development of quartz mining."

Since this was written the use of the cyanide process to reduce refractory ores has become known and tested successfully in the Cariboo district. Dr. Dawson continues: "Much also remains to be done in utilizing by operations on a large scale, and with better appliances, the less accessible deposits which have so far baffled the efforts of the local miner. It is necessary to bear in mind that alluvial gold mining or placer mining requires but a minimum amount of knowledge on the part of the miner, though it may call for much individual enterprise and effort when a new and difficult region is to be entered. Any man of ordinary intelligence may soon become an expert placer miner. It is, after all, in the main, a foot man's method of mining, and, as a rule, the placer miner lacks the knowledge as well as the capital necessary to enable him to undertake regular mining operations on veins and lodes. However promising the indications may be for such mining, he either does not appreciate them or passes them over as being beyond his experience or means. He would rather travel hundreds of miles to test a new reported discovery than spend a summer in endeavoring to trace out a quartz reef, with the uncertainty of prospect of being able to dispose of it at some later date.

"Thus, though the development of placer mining in British Columbia began a new history for that great region, raising it from the status of a 'far country' to that of an independent colony, and subsequently to that of a province of Canada, there remained a gap to be bridged in order that the province should begin to realize its proper place among the mining regions of the world. It was necessary that railways should be constructed to convey machinery and carted ores, as well as to bring to the metalliferous districts men who would not face the hardships of pioneer travel in the mountains, but who are in a position to embark the necessary capital in promising enterprises. For a portion of the province the construction of the C. P. Railway has afforded these

facilities, but by far the largest part still awaits railway communication. Had the C. P. R., in accordance with some of the surveys made for it, traversed, for instance, the Cariboo district, there can be no doubt that we should have already been able to note great developments there. This railway has, however, been constructed across the southern portion of the province, and in its vicinity, and concurrently with its progress, new mining interests have begun to grow up, of which something must now be said."

"It is especially worthy of note that wherever in the United States the Rocky Mountains or Cordilleran region has been traversed by railways, mining, and particularly that of the precious metals, has immediately followed. It appears to require only facilities of transport and travel to initiate important mining enterprises in any part of this region. The building of the C. P. R. across the southern portion of British Columbia, with the construction of other railway lines in the neighboring States, near the frontier of the province, have already begun to bring about the same result in this new region, which, till these railways were completed, had remained almost inaccessible. It had long before been resorted to by a few placer miners in search of alluvial gold, and their efforts were attended with some success. Silver bearing lead ores were also found to occur there, but under the circumstances existing at the time these actually possessed no economic value. It was impossible to utilize them.

"In 1880 some prospectors, still in search of placer gold only, happened to camp in a mountainous region, which has since become familiarly known as 'Toad Mountain,' and one of them in seeking for lost horses stumbled on an outcrop of ore, of which he brought back a specimen. This specimen was afterwards submitted to assay, and the results were such that the prospectors returned and staked out claims on their discovery. The ore, in fact, proved to contain something like \$300 to the ton in silver, with a large percentage of copper and a little gold.

"There is no reason whatever to believe that the particular portions of British Columbia now for the first time opened to mining by means of the C. P. R. are richer in ores than other portions of the province. On the contrary, what has already been said of the Cariboo district affords prima facie evidence of an opposite character. The province of British Columbia alone, from southeast to northeast, includes a length of over 800 miles of the Cordilleran region and, adding to this the further extension of the same region comprised within the boundaries of the Dominion of Canada, as a whole, its entire length in Canada is between 1,200 and 1,300 miles. This is almost identical with the whole length of the same region contained within the United States, from the boundary with Mexico to that with Canada.

"Circumstances have favored the development of the mines of the Western States of the Union, but it is, as nearly as may be, certain that the northern half of the similar region will eventually prove equal in richness to the southern, and that when the mines of these Western States have passed their zenith of productiveness those of the North will be still increasing in this respect. The explorations of the Geological Survey of Canada have already resulted in placing on record the occurrence of rich ores of gold and silver in various places scattered along the entire length of the Cordilleran range, of Canada, and though, so far, we have to chronicle only an awakening of interest in the southern part, these discoveries stand as indications and incentives to further enterprise to the North.

"No attempt has been made in this brief sketch of the mineral wealth of British Columbia to enumerate the various ores and minerals which have so far been found within the limits of the province in any systematic manner. Nothing has been said of the large deposits of iron, from some of which a certain amount of ore has already been produced, and which wait to realize their true importance merely the circumstances which would render their working on a large scale remunerative. Copper ores have also been discovered in many places. Mercury, in the form of cinnabar, promises to be of value in the near future, and iron pyrites, plumbago, mica, asbestos and other useful minerals are also known to occur. In late years platinum has been obtained in alluvial mines in British Columbia in such considerable quantity as to exceed the product of this metal from any other part of North America.

"While, therefore, the more important products of this western mountain region of Canada are, and seem likely to be, gold, silver and coal, its known minerals are already so varied that, as it becomes more fully explored it seems probable that few minerals or ores will be found wanting."

"Since the above was written extensive prospects of galena have been found in various places and at wide intervals throughout the Cariboo district. Dr. Dawson then proceeds: "Respecting the immediate future of mining, which is the point to which attention is particularly called at the present time, it may be stated that coal mining rests already on a substantial basis of continued and increasing prosperity; while the work now actually in progress, particularly in the southern part of the province, appears to indicate that following the large output of placer gold, and exceeding this in amount and in perman-

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ences, will be the development of silver mines, with lead and copper as accessory products. The development of these mining industries will undoubtedly be followed by that of auriferous quartz reefs in various parts of the province, while all these mining enterprises must rest upon and stimulate agriculture and trade in their branches.

"Because a mountainous country, and till of late a very remote one, the development of the resources of British Columbia has heretofore been slow, but the preliminary difficulties having been overcome it is now, there is every reason to believe, on the verge of an era of prosperity and expansion of which it is difficult to foresee the amount or the end."

The mines of British Columbia have been a support to the farmer in times gone by, as they are likely to prove in no less degree in the near future. No community can afford to pay better prices for the necessities of life than that which has got its origin the development of good mines. Take as an illustration in point the development of the Kootenay and Kaslo-Slocan country by the construction of the C. P. R. and other roads—a striking instance of the development that never fails to follow the means of economical transportation in a country richly endowed by nature. The ore, which can sometimes be packed on the back of an animal, and often transported by teams for long distance, with a margin of profit, can well afford to pay the highest rates for transportation by rail.

The upper country of British Columbia had shown its wealth before the development of the southern section came, and no one cognizant of the conditions that obtained in early days has doubted that the progress once attained would have led to still further industry and discovery if better means of access had been forthcoming.

The mining of river bottoms in British Columbia is likely to be one of the most prolific sources of income in the near future. It has already been a wealth producing element in New Zealand. There is evidence upon the face of nature in British Columbia to prove that many rivers could be dredged and otherwise worked to bed rock in certain places that seem to be especially adapted by nature for the purpose, if only the means of access were available for the transportation of the material required. The early pioneers of British Columbia, simply traced the precious metals as far as the richest of mines and expensive transportation would permit. They kept going up stream until they arrived at what appeared to be the top at Barkerville, but the Barkerville district could be many times reproduced in bulk from the mountains on the north side of the upper bend of the Fraser. The Saskatchewan and other rivers on the eastern side of the mountains are also good bearing. The continuity of the slate formation across the Fraser is also well known.

The Cariboo mountains are no more than a spur of the main range to the north, where already good prospects have been discovered, and the ubiquitous miner has gone to work, but under what difficulties on account of inaccessibility and want of economical transportation must be seen to be understood. These

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Cleaning up the stock, 1 to 5 pairs of a pattern, and the prices reduced from one-eighth to half regular.

White Nottingham Lace Curtains, taped, 2-1/2 yards long; regular 65c. Friday..... 35c pair
White Nottingham Lace Curtains, taped, 3 yards long; regular \$1.00 to \$1.50. Friday..... 75c pair
White Nottingham Lace Curtains, over-stitch edges; regular \$1.15 to \$1.75. Friday..... 90c pair
White Lace Curtains; taped, 3 1/2 yards long; worth \$2.00. Friday..... \$1.35 a pair
White and Ecru Lace Curtains, 3-1/2 yards long; regular \$2.75. Friday..... \$2.00 a pair
White and Ecru Lace Curtains; regular \$3.00 to \$4.00. Friday..... \$2.50 a pair
Extra Fine White Lace Curtains, 3-1/2 to 4 yards long, about six different patterns; regular \$5.00. Friday..... \$3.75 a pair
White Swiss Curtains; regular \$5.00. Friday..... \$3.50 a pair
White and Ecru Swiss Curtains; regular \$3.50. Friday..... \$2.50 a pair
Ecru Swiss Curtains; regular \$10.50. Friday..... \$8.50 a pair
Rich White and Ecru Swiss Curtains and White Brussels Net Curtains; regular \$13.50 and \$20.00. Friday..... \$10.00 a pair

15c Dress Gingham, 10c
600 yards fancy stripe and check Gingham; regular 15c. Friday..... 10c
78 1/2 yards fine Gingham, new patterns; regular 20c. Friday..... 12 1/2 c

\$1.25 Black Dress Goods, 75c
760 yards Black Dress Goods, some with small figures; but all good designs; alpaca and heavier wool goods; regular \$1.00 and \$1.25. Friday..... 75c yard
480 yards Black All-Wool Dress Goods, with satin stripe; worth 75c. Friday..... 50c yard
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Ladies' Underskirts, \$2.50
Six different styles, black as well as all the fashionable colors; all new shapes; a special purchase, and includes goods worth from \$3.00 to \$4.00; all at one price Friday..... \$2.50 each
Childs' Short Coats; colors, electric blue, fawn, cream, only 12 of them; regular \$5.75 for \$4.00; regular \$6.90 for \$5.00.

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Silk Chiffons, regular \$1.00 quality, for 50c
350 yards, 10 new shades; regular \$1.00. Friday..... 50c

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150 Boys' Wash Suits, some slightly soiled; regular \$1.00, Friday 50; regular \$1.25, Friday 75c.
Boys' Blouses, White Duck and Striped Galatea Special prices Friday..... 50c, 65c and 75c
Boys' 2-piece and Norfolk Suits. Friday..... \$2.75 (Only 35 of these.)

Boys' All-Wool Serge Pants..... 50c
Boys' Corduroy Pants fawn, brown and blue..... 65c
Men's Pants, three specials..... \$1.90, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Men's Summer Underwear..... 50c a suit
Double Thread Balbriggan..... 75c a suit
Silk Striped Balbriggan..... \$1.00 a suit
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WEATHER BULLETIN.
 Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.
 Victoria, April 18.—5 a. m.—Weather conditions are not much changed since yesterday. The pressure has increased over Casiar and Cariboo, light showers have fallen on the Washington coast, but elsewhere on the Pacific slope the weather remains fair and temperatures mild. In the Northwest a low area still overlies Alberta; from Calgary eastward to Manitoba the weather is cloudy, and in that province the weather is mostly fair and colder, a little snow having fallen at Winnipeg.
 Forecasts.
 For 26 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.
 Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh southerly winds, partly fair and mild.
 Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild.
 Reports.
 Victoria—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 43; minimum, 42; wind, 12 miles W.; weather, fair.
 New Westminster—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.
 Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 44; minimum, 42; wind, calm; weather, fair.
 Barkerville—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 29; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, clear.
 San Francisco—Barometer, 30.12; temperature, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 6 miles W.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Try new White Label Blue Ribbon Tea.
 The Sterling Dry Goods House has removed to 39 Government Street.
 Inspect the Rambler Bicycle, Cyclery, Broad and Broughton streets.
 The fast steamer Dolphin will sail from here on Friday morning, April 19th, for Skagway and way ports. E. B. Blackwood, agent.
 The eleven Japanese who are charged with being stowaways on the Tosa Maru were yesterday afternoon remanded until Saturday, when they will be heard before Magistrate Hall.
 A petition is being circulated requesting the mayor to call a public meeting to consider the question of removing the telephone and electric light poles and placing the wires underground.
 Another story will be added to the R. C. Land & Investment Agency building on the corner of Government and Broughton streets, and other alterations made. The architect, Ridgeway Wilson, is calling for tenders for the work.
 The executive of the Liberal Association will be elected at a meeting to be held on Friday evening at Pioneer hall. In addition to the regular business, Bantley's orchestra will supply music. Visiting Liberals are cordially invited to be present.
 The delegates to the meeting of the Grand Division of the Order of Railway Conductors, which is to be held in St. Paul on May 14th, contemplate a tour of the West upon the termination of their session. They will come over the C. P. R. and spend a day in Vancouver. From there they expect to go to Seattle by rail. George Russell of this city, is making an effort to induce the excursionists to include this city in their itinerary.

AT IT AGAIN
 For a good glass of Ice Cold Soda or a glass of Ice Cream Soda go to Fawcett's. Their Electric Post is in full swing. Another shipment of Perrin's Newport Chocolates just arrived.
 F. W. FAWCETT & CO.,
 Chemists, 49 Government St.
 The Wholesale Grocers' Association at their last meeting elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: S. J. Pitts, president; H. T. Lockyer, vice-president; F. L. Elworthy, secretary-treasurer; F. N. Black, honorary secretary, Vancouver. They also discussed the present credit system, and decided the basis upon which the credit would be shortened to the retailers. An account subject to 2 per cent. must be paid by the 10th of the following month; the net price will be accepted thirty days after purchase of the goods, and after this date interest will be charged.

STEAMER CHARMER LEFT VANCOUVER AT 1.35 P. M., AND CONNECTED WITH THE TRAIN.
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 Opposition steamer "Rosalie" sails for Seattle, daily, except Saturday, at 7.30 p. m.
 A Stewart, having recently purchased at a sacrifice the immense stock of Thos. Bradbury, is now prepared to give bargains in monumental work never before heard of in Victoria. Intending buyers should not delay, but take advantage of this rare opportunity.
 Messrs. Creelman Bros., manufacturers of the Underwood Typewriter, of which The Hinton Electric Company of this city are agents, publish the fact that they have just closed a deal for 100 machines with The Federated Business Colleges of Ontario. This practically gives them the entire monopoly of all the schools in Ontario.
 In the police court this morning Charles Gifford did not appear on the charge of frequenting a hawdy house. A warrant has been issued for his arrest. The Trading stamp case was remanded for a week, while the case of Fred. Plump stands over until next Tuesday, his counsel, Ernest Powell, being out of town. Plump has seventeen counts against him.
 A social dance will be given by the Old Maids of Metehosin in the Metehosin hall on Friday, the 20th inst. A hearty invitation is extended to Victoria people to come down and have a good time. Special attractions in choruses, readings, etc., are promised. The hospitality of Metehosin is proverbial, and the good cheer and welcome will be cordial as usual.
 The Ladies' Choral Society will give their second concert this season on Thursday next at the Institute hall. Their "Little Red Riding Hood" will be given by the society under the leadership of W. H. Barton, the parts of Red Riding Hood and the wolf being sustained by Miss McNiffe and Miss Lombard. Miss Gertrude Loewen will be the accompanist. The concert will commence with a miscellaneous programme, in which, among others, will be heard J. P. Jones, the well known Nanaimo baritone.
 Last evening Mrs. Dr. Watt read an excellent paper upon "Some Characteristics of Canadian Poetry" at the weekly meeting of the mock parliament held in St. Andrew's church schoolroom. The writer of the paper dealt with the question in a masterly manner, claiming that a truly national poetry existed in the Dominion. The four characteristics which were pointed out as distinguishing features were: Distinctiveness in reflecting national life, patriotism, high moral tone and lyrical sweetness and beauty. The discussion which followed emphasized the excellence of the paper.
 Bandmaster Finn has added another attraction for the promenade concert at the Drill hall on Saturday evening. He has made arrangements with Christian Hansen, the famous Scandinavian violinist, to entertain the patrons of next Saturday's concert. In Mr. Hansen, Bandmaster Finn has secured an artist of superior merit, and those who attend on Saturday evening can count on a treat. The first game of basketball between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams will also be played at this concert. Both teams are in constant practice, and a close game is expected.

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New Sugar Refinery
 Reported Industry to Be Started Here, Backed by R. P. Rithet & Co.
 Floating Dock at Esquimalt Mentioned Among Many Local Projected Enterprises.

No year in the history of the city has been more prolific of indications of industrial activity than the present. The Times has on several occasions announced the projected establishment of industries embracing various lines with in Victoria, the materialization of which is bound to give this city an impetus which will place it in the forefront of the commercial centres of the Pacific Northwest.
 During the past few days it has been reported that a sugar refinery will be started on a large scale at the outer wharf. The report has been vouched for by several persons, and the fact that the name of a very prominent firm is associated with its proposed establishment emphasizes it as one worthy of credence.
 The proposed situation of the new industry, the outer wharf, promises to become the industrial centre of this part of the Island. Already there are in operation the Victoria Chemical Works, Brackman & Ker Milling Factory, and now the foundation is being laid for an extensive can-making establishment, projected, it is understood, by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co. In connection with the last mentioned concern it is interesting to note that next year a number of large storage sheds will be erected along the foreshore for the enlargement of the enterprise, should the amount of business justify it. This industry in itself will control the entire British Columbia market.
 But possibly the announcement of the sugar refinery is the most important of all. Already there is one at the Terminal City, where many hands are employed, which has the home market entirely to itself. With a new establishment in the field with the assistance of so prominent a firm as R. P. Rithet & Co., behind it competition will be engendered and the community at large becomes the gainer.
 There is also another feature in connection with the projected establishment, which is of considerable interest to the Hawaiian Island sugar industry, which is controlled largely from San Francisco. Should the refinery be operated at the outer wharf on the scale contemplated, a great proportion of that trade will be diverted from the Bay City and the benefits derived from it, enjoyed by the people of this favored municipality.
 One of the largest markets that the Vancouver refinery has, it is understood, is the eastern market; this will be entered probably by the Victoria concern, which should be able to hold its own. Those interested in industrial matters in this city cannot fail to comprehend the vast advantages to be derived by this city from the establishment of a refinery on a large scale here. The locality is an unrivalled one, and such as to enable the large freight carriers to land their cargoes at the very entrance to the centre of operation. The idea is by no means a visionary one, and sooner than anticipated may assume proportions of the most tangible character.
 Mr. Rithet is expected here from San Francisco in the course of a week or so, and it is altogether probable that his visit will have some connection with the proposed establishment.
 This morning a Times representative interviewed Mr. Seabrook, of the firm, and was told that the establishment of the refinery was not yet on the programme. The fact that he used the word "yet" is sufficient to indicate that such an enterprise has been contemplated should the market increase sufficiently to warrant it. Questioned along this line, he stated that such might possibly be the case. It had been, he said, originally the intention to establish a concern of this nature at the outer wharf. But while pointing out that nothing of the sort was likely at the present time, should the state of the market justify it, a sugar refinery was prominent among the eventualities.
 As to the question of a plant, he explained that at the present time the prices of machinery were now as cheap as they would probably ever be, and when it was first intended to establish the industry the prices of the plant would have been half again larger than at present.
 There is still another. Several weeks ago the Times, for the first time, published an account of the big ship-building and repairing industry to be established here.

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lished here. As will be remembered Oliver Richards, the well-known ship contractor, left for the great ship-building centres of England and Scotland to purchase a plant for the new enterprise. At the time Mr. Richards was extremely reticent as to the site of the concern, but it has been rumored several times that it was to be at Esquimalt. It was announced at the time that the plant and facilities will be secured for the construction of ships from 100 to 2,000 tons. Naturally in view of this it is quite safe to assume that the site will be wherever the depth of water is sufficient to permit the handling of vessels so large as the latter. It has been learned, however, that the sum total of the projected establishment was not included in the account published at the time of Mr. Richards' departure for England. It is now understood that a large floating dock will be constructed in conjunction with the other enterprise, with capacity for handling all sorts of big ships.
 The prize committee of the Agricultural Association will meet to-night at 8 o'clock in the city hall.
 The Central W. C. T. U. are holding their regular meeting at the Refuge Home, Carman street, this afternoon.
 A chimney fire near the corner of Cook and Caledonia avenue gave the fire department a run this afternoon. No damage.
 A special meeting of the city council will be held to-morrow afternoon to discuss the question of Government street pavement and other matters. The fire inquiry will be resumed this evening.
 A game of basketball between the senior teams of the Victoria West A. C. and the Fernwood Y. M. A. will be played in the drill hall in connection with the band concert next Saturday night.
 In last evening's Times an error appeared in the story referring to the purchase of a station for the landing of the Pacific cable. It was stated that the property could be cleared for \$100, whereas what was intended to be said was that the cost of this work would be \$100 per acre, or \$10,000 for the whole. The property in question has been purchased from Mrs. Cox, widow of the lateighthouse keeper of Cape Beale, who is at present residing at Alberni. The purchase money was \$1,500, and the purchasers, the Pacific Cable Maintenance Co.
 The plans for the smaller of the two new fishing protection steamers to be built in this city and in Vancouver for the Dominion government service arrived from Ottawa to-day, and work is to be immediately commenced in laying the keel for the same. The contract, which is in the hands of Charles Spratt, of the Victoria Machinery Depot, calls for the completion of the steamer by the first week in September. A. Watson, jr., will have charge of the work, and the new vessel will be the first built in the Victoria Machinery company's new yard adjoining the depot in the upper harbor. The steamer has previously been described at length. She is to have a speed of 9 knots an hour. In mentioning this vessel it might be stated that a number of Eastern capitalists have recently been making some inquiry regarding the construction of a new passenger and freight steamer.

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 15 only—Dimdie Carpet Squares, size 3x2 1-2 yards, regular \$3.00; Friday, \$2.25.
 10 only—Kidderminster Carpet Squares, fringed, size 3x3 yards, regular \$4.00; Friday, \$3.10.
 Floor Oil Cloth, only 6 pieces left, all good patterns; regular 35c square yard; to-morrow, 25c.

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 Nottingham Lace Curtains, 36 inches wide, 2 1-2 yards long; Special price, 35c pair. Scalloped and taped.
 29 pairs Imitation Battenburg and Irish Point Lace Curtains, 3 yards long; regular \$2.00; Friday, \$1.25.
 Special Values in Lace Curtains to-morrow, 75c, 90c, \$1.10, \$1.25 per pair

SHIRT WAIST SPECIALS
 115 Ladies' White Muslin Shirt Waists, new styles, detachable collar, all sizes, worth 75c; Friday, 50c.
 210 White and Fancy Muslin Shirt Waists, Bishop sleeve, new detachable collar, worth \$1.00; Friday, 75c.
 WRAPPERS—95 Ladies' Cambric Wrappers, worth \$1.25; Friday, 90c.
 NIGHT GOWNS—63 only, Ladies' Full Sized Cambric Night Gowns, Empire Shape, embroidery trimmed, worth \$1.25; Friday, 95c.
GREAT SILK EVENT
 45 pieces Fancy Silks, in beautiful color-tones and pretty stripe designs, regular 60c per yard; Friday, 40c.
 1,500 yards Heavy Plain Sheetting, worth 30c; Friday, 25c yard.
A TOWEL BARGAIN
 48 dozen Linen Huck Towels, 18x40 in., worth 15c; Friday, 10c.
FLANNELETTE
 15 pieces 25-inch stripe Flannelette; regular 7 1-2c; Friday, 5c yard.
A KID GLOVE BARGAIN
 75 dozen Ladies' Kid Gloves, Fowne's make, regular \$1 a pair; Friday, 75c pair.
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COMMUNICATIONS.

MORE INTERIOR FACTS.

To the Editor: I read with much interest a letter in your last night's issue signed by a brother "Bagman," and as I have just returned from over two weeks of the same ground I would like to add my contribution to the facts, and also with your leave a few more. The matter of competitive points and routes is a common knowledge in that section of the country, and I might, by way of covering the whole ground, state that our neighbors in the interior have a more general, more far-reaching and better grasp of the Coast-Kootenay railway and its probabilities than we on the Coast have, and my neighbor is that the many deputations sent down to the government voiced so inadequately the details of the country proposed to be traversed and branches, as outlined by brother "Bagman." It maps showing the proposed lines had been issued with a pamphlet, explanatory of resources such our government should have broadcasted, it would have been an education to the legislators and Coast people that would have been much appreciated, and doubtless borne good fruit. Take a C. P. R. folder and follow their lines west from Dunsmuir, and you will realize the iron grip of a corporation already has on this country, and it only needs, the one link—Coast-Sulkamen—Midway line—to complete its control of the greater part of the north portion of this province. There is another point this province, and that is another point to realize ahead of us, and that is in fighting the C. P. R. their combination has to be taken into account, and of that I can give a very good instance that came under my notice a few days back. At a small town a meeting was got up in favor of competition, specifying barring of C. P. R. and instructing members accordingly, but a branch of one of our leading banks there that has the town, and the member of the district who resides there, under its control, openly used its influence to smash such a resolution, and of course succeeded. In talking the matter over afterwards with some of the leading merchants, they confessed their entire sympathy with the resolution, but they were not free to act against the bank and C. P. R. Another interesting fact I learned in another part of the country was that the C. P. R. had sent round a confidential circular to its agents, instructing them to find out the actual cost of production of all articles raised in their district. Well, sir, many of us no doubt remember a certain railway in California that collected similar statistics and based rates accordingly, allowing the shipper moiety enough to tantalize him to go on. A good deal is heard about that octopus, Jim Hill, but I think he would meet a foe man worthy of his steel in the C. P. R. and its combinations. One more point and I close. Whilst the country is voicing very unanimously, and decidedly what it does want and what it does not want, the C. P. R. is silent and slyly, but apparently well content, wherefore? It is a question often asked and unanswered, creates unrest and suspicion. What the country wants is an independent Coast-Kootenay line, and at once the government knows it, so do the members, and the electorate are in no mood for shilly-shallying.

ANOTHER BAGMAN.

THE FARMERS' RACE AT V. H. C. To the Editor:—Please allow me a small space to correct a mistake that occurred in your last week's issue in connection with the farmers' race at Colwood on the 8th inst. You stated in your Friday's paper that eight horses ran in the first race, which was quite correct, and that Pedro, Joe and Johnny Ophir, made a

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good race, and the rest came straggling after, which is where the mistake occurred, for Oldfield's Elsie took the lead and maintained it for three parts round the course, coming in at the last within three yards of the two winning horses, leaving poor Joe, one of those that came straggling in behind, and I write these few words, to give the poor, dumb animal justice, and not for the purpose of cracking up my horse, for it was not his 150 pound burden. H. T. O.

Sporting News

BASKETBALL. BAYS DEFEATED. In the Junior basketball game played last evening at the Boys' Brigade hall between the Junior teams, Boys Brigade and the James boys, the latter aggregation were defeated by a score of 8-6.

THE TRUP. NEWMARKET RACES. London, April 17.—At the second day's racing at Newmarket, to-day an All Age's Selling Plate of 100 sovereigns was won by Yelena, with Fatsy McDermott, American, in the saddle. Oxbridge was second and Lechdon third.

YACHTING. THE TRIAL OF SHAMROCK. London, April 17.—It is expected that King Edward will witness the first trial race between the two Shamrocks at the Isle of Wight from Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erla. Mr. Wm. Fife, Jr., the yachtsman of Shamrock I, will direct the yacht during the trials, and Mr. Watson will direct Shamrock II.

THE OAR. PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEASON. A meeting of the rowing committee of the J. R. A. A. was held the other evening, when arrangements were made for the coming season. The principal business was a discussion as to whether the new shells be purchased in the Old Country or whether they be built in Vancouver. After some discussion it was decided that B. O'Sullivan should visit Vancouver and make preparations to have the shells built in that city.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. SATURDAY'S GAME. The Victoria senior team play their last league game of the season with the Garrison eleven at Work Point barracks on Saturday next. As will be remembered the city boys defeated the Garrison players by the narrow margin of one goal when the teams met on the Collesona grounds in their previous league game. Mr. Townsend will act as referee.

THE OAR. CAPTURED ICE-COLD HONORS. The following from the Winnipeg Free Press refers to the son of James Henderson of this city.

"The honor of having the first swim in the Red River has been captured by Selby Henderson, of the Winnipeg Rowing Club, and he states the water is led to perfection. The honor was certainly heaped upon Selby. He was out sculling a couple of days ago, and was 'bitting up' a pro-try on one just about the halfway mark when he ran into a log, knocking a hole in the bow of the boat. The craft began to fill quickly, and Henderson roared, for the shore with one eye on the tank of the boat, which every minute got heavier with water. He made the shore and emptied out the water, put back the boat and started for the club house. He might have reached it had he gone slower, for the water at every stroke ran back and forward in the boat, and then the first thing Selby knew he was in the water with the bow of his boat sticking in the air. Ye camera men, what a picture was taken by your absence. Selby made many frantic efforts to climb up the boat and bring back the bow into the water again, and the sight, says Rumor, who witnessed it, was astonishingly animated. Selby and the boat reached shore, however."

LACROSSE. MEETING THIS EVENING. A meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held to-night at the Driard Hotel, commencing at 8.30 o'clock. It is urgent that the members attend, as the question of grounds will be discussed, and the report of the delegation to the I. C. L. A. at Vancouver be received.

MEETING POSTPONED. On account of the inability of the secretary of the Intermediate Lacrosse Association to be present at the meeting which was to have taken place last evening, it has been postponed until Tuesday next. It is hoped that all intermediate players will be present, as arrangements for the season will be made.

MR. SUCKLING RESIGNS. At the meeting of the executive committee of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club on Monday night, the report of the delegates to the B. C. A. L. A. were received and adopted. Some what of a sensation was sprung at the meeting by the resignation of the old veteran, A. E. Suckling. In submitting it he reviewed briefly the trouble that had occurred between some of the old members of the club, and had heard from said parties that in some way he was considered to be a cause of it. He had done his best to trace the reports, and had spoken to several of the seceding members in the matter, with the invariable result that he was told that they had no objection to him whatever. He had played lacrosse before the public for nearly 22 years, and up to his retirement had been longer in the game than any player in Canada. Starting with the Junior Victorias, of Toronto, in 1880, Mr. Suckling played with the Toronto, then with the Garrys, of Winnipeg, and returned to Toronto with the Ontario, of that city. Coming to the Coast he had been an active player on the Vancouver Lacrosse Club from 1888 till 1908. In all that time, the speaker was proud to say, his lacrosse record was clean, and never at any time had it ever been rumored that his efforts in lacrosse were for the best interests of the game. When he had been elected at the annual meeting this year as field captain of the club he was naturally gratified at the appreciation of the members. He feared that they could not afford the time, and when the reports spoken of came to his ears he had wanted to resign, if such action would in any way help the seceding branch in the

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To Supply Powder

Minister of Agriculture Arranges to Have Explosives Furnished Cheaply to Farmers.

Experiments to Be Made to Ascertain the Cost of Clearing Land.

In the House this afternoon Mr. Hayward submitted the following resolution: Whereas the cost of clearing the bush lands of this province is very great, owing to the size of the timber; and Whereas one of the greatest aids to the agriculturist in clearing his lands of such timber is stumping powder; and Whereas at the present time the cost to the farmer of such powder is far above the actual cost of same:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this House that the provincial government should take into its serious consideration the advisability of obtaining stumping powder in large quantities and selling the same in smaller quantities at cost price to the farmers of the province.

In reply the Hon. Minister of Agriculture spoke as follows: I regret in some measure that the senior member for Esquimalt has placed this motion on the order paper, because it has anticipated an announcement I had intended making very shortly to this House.

At the same time I am pleased to have this earlier opportunity of placing the government on record on this matter, and when the motion of the resolution has been heard what I have to say, I feel quite sure he will not press for an expression of opinion from the legislature.

Last summer, shortly after returning the office of Minister of Agriculture—in fact some time before I resigned that office in 1898—the question of clearing land by improved methods was taken up by me. I say this to show that the government is fully alive to the requirements of the farmers, more particularly in regard to the clearing of land.

It is a matter, however, that requires very careful consideration and involves a good deal of inquiry. In regard to clearing stumps, powder, I recognize what a very important factor it is, and how much it would benefit the settler if it could be obtained at fifty or even twenty-five per cent. cheaper than at present; but there are difficulties in the way of arriving at a basis of operations that would be practical and at the same time not being the government into conflict with private interests.

There are several companies whose business it is to deal in explosives and in order to meet the demands for cheaper powder, that is to supply cheaper than it is to be obtained commercially in the ordinary way, it would be necessary for the government, assuming that it could be supplied cheaper in that way, to undertake the manufacture of powder on its own behalf—something you will agree with me, is not within the province of the government; or to make arrangements with the manufacturers to supply the powder required for clearing at the lowest wholesale rates without advance to the settler.

There are also details connected with the purchase and method of distribution to consider. It is, you will concede, very easy to make a mistake that might prove at least embarrassing if not serious.

I have been considering, too, the subject of explosives as part of an improved system of clearing lands so as to render the whole cost substantially cheaper than it is now. In this connection I do not think it would be wise or at all justifiable for the government to incur any large amount of expenditure without hopes of a direct and adequate recompense in assisting any particular industry that might not with equal justice be extended to some other industry possibly equally as deserving. I have, therefore, not come to a conclusion hastily, and have taken time to consider the best practical methods to be adopted before recommending any scheme to the government as a whole.

Such measures as may be proposed, in order to be safe, must necessarily be experimental, and the government has decided upon a course which, if it should prove successful at the outset, will in all probability be adopted as the basis of a policy of assistance in the future. It is the desire of the government to render all possible aid in developing our agricultural interests and encouraging improved methods, and if it can without entailing an unreasonable expenditure, it is ready to assist in a practical scheme, it is prepared to do so. I beg to point out that for the use of machinery and for the carrying on of development, such as clearing, fencing or draining by improved methods, there already exists on the statute book a measure which farmers may take advantage of.

PAVING GOVERNMENT STREET. Resolution to Be Introduced by the Mayor at Next Council Meeting.

Mayor Hayward has given notice that at the next meeting of the council he will move:

1. That all resolutions of this council, acts and deeds of any kind whatsoever, relating to the proposed work of paving Government street, between Courtenay and Johnson streets, and every record of the minutes of the council respecting same, be and the same are hereby rescinded, excepting the record relating to the report of the special committee upon this matter, dated the 9th instant, and the resolution adopting the recommendation therein contained (page 783 minutes), and

2. That in accordance with the provisions of the "Local Improvement General By-Law," this council hereby determines that it is desirable to have the following work carried out under the provisions of the said by-law, and of the Municipal Classes act, and amendments thereto, viz., to pave by means of wooden blocks placed on a suitable foundation in accordance with specification to be approved by the city council, Government street from Courtney street to Johnson street, and to remove the telegraph, telephone and other poles, and to replace or otherwise deal with the said poles and wires thereon, and to alter the widths of the sidewalks in certain places, on the said street.

Personal. G. D. Mackay, importer of Havana and Manila cigars, and of J. Bloomfield, representing the Eureka Cigar Co., are guests at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Mackay carries among his stock of cigars the Kelowna cigar, manufactured and grown in British Columbia. He says that they sell better than his other cigars, and that they are a first-class cigar in every respect, and that when he smokes them, he says that the Kelowna manufacturers are going to extend the amount of their export of the tobacco this year. Cigar dealers are beginning to recognize the British Columbia cigar, and consequently the export of the cigar has of late greatly increased.

Homer H. Swaney, manager for the Pacific Steel Company, with a force of twenty skilled workmen—bricklayers, carpenters and machinists—left the other day for the Sound by the steamer Garland. They will start at once on the necessary work to put the big iron furnace at Inisdale, Washington, in condition for early operation. The work will be hastened, as the company is eager to begin receiving returns from its numerous and extensive investments on Vancouver Island. Already about fifty laborers are at work in and about the plant. The roads are being rehabilitated and put in first-class condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Honolulu, arrived in the city yesterday by the steamer Aorangi. Mr. Smith says that when he left Honolulu there was quite an excitement over a hubbub scare. It was claimed by the health authorities that a Japanese woman had died from the plague, and just before Mr. Smith left four more cases had broken out and the question of quarantining the city was under serious consideration. Mr. Smith is quite a newspaper man and is on his way to Seattle.

J. C. Brown, grand chancellor for the Knights of Pythias, arrived in the city today and is staying at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Brown is paying his regular official visit to the city, and will leave for Seattle, where they intend opening a hardware store.

Geo. Apple, who runs a large tin factory in Dawson, has been spending the winter making a tour of California and enjoying a vacation after the hard work of the summer months. Mr. Apple will, after arranging some business matters, go north to take charge of his business.

A. B. O'Neill, of McKeesport, Pa., is in the city. Mr. O'Neill is out visiting H. Swaney, the iron mill promoter, and is a guest at the Dominion hotel. Mr. O'Neill is making a tour of the West, and will leave in a few days for southern California.

A. W. Schmidt and W. G. Schmidt are in the city at the Victoria hotel. After spending a few days in Victoria, they will leave for Seattle, where they intend opening a hardware store.

Frank Jaynes, superintendent of the Western division of the Western Union Telegraph Co., and W. S. Dickson, of Pittsburg, were in the city yesterday.

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APRIL WEDDINGS.

A Series of Pretty Events Took Place in This City Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Christ Church Cathedral the marriage of Francis Henry Wollaston, son of P. Wollaston, of this city, and Miss Alice Virginia Harrison, fourth daughter of E. Harrison, of this city, was celebrated by Rev. Canon Beaudouin. The ceremony was a cheerful one, and the bride and groom were assisted by Miss Mary Ella and her two nieces, Misses Marguerite and Regina Ford. Rev. Canon Beaudouin officiated, and the Rev. Canon Beaudouin supported the groom.

The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white silk, and over her hair she wore the usual spray of orange blossoms. The gift of the groom to the bride was a watch, and the gift of the bride to the groom was a bracelet. The happy couple received many congratulations, and the wedding supper was served. The happy couple received many congratulations, and the wedding supper was served.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, 62 North Pembroke street, Spring Ridge, was the scene of a festive event last evening, when George (Uncle) and the Misses Clark & Lory, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Maud Elliot, daughter of Mrs. W. G. Elliot, also of Spring Ridge. The apartment in which the ceremony was conducted was tastefully decorated, the knot being tied under beautifully arranged flower beds. Rev. Canon Beaudouin officiated, the ceremony being performed in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The bride was attended by Miss E. Elliot, her sister, while the bridesmaid was supported by John Lory. The bride's maid was Miss Maud Elliot, and the bridesmaid's maid was Miss Maud Elliot. A large number of valuable and useful presents attended the great opportunity of the contracting parties in the community.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was partaken of, and a very merry and joyous evening spent. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will take up their residence on North road. They left for their new home amidst showers of rice and the best wishes of the large party of friends assembled.

April seems to be the month of weddings, for, besides local marriages, staying at the Dominion hotel are three bridal couples. They are Wm. H. Moore and wife, of Nanaimo; Mr. and Mrs. S. Louis, of Shawnigan Lake, and Eugene F. Jeffery and wife, of Shawnigan. The latter is a hotel man of that city. They are all in the city for a few days, and will leave for their respective homes.

WALL STREET. (Associated Press.) New York, April 18.—There were some wide changes, both in the stock and bond markets at the opening, but the railroad department was rather quiet and the irregular changes were restricted to fractions. United States Steel pfd., Sugar, People's Gas and Smelting rose from 1/2 to 1/4. New York Air Brake jumped 4 points. Amalgamated Copper was sold down from 124 to 123 1/2, compared with 124 1/2 last night, and Consolidated Gas and Amalgamated lost over a point each. Dealings were not so large as a week ago during recent days. There was, however, a large demand for U. S. at an advance of nearly a point.

STOCK QUOTATIONS. (Furnished by the B. C. Stock Exchange, Limited.) New York, April 18.—The following quotations ruled on the Stock Exchange today: Open High, Low, Close. American Sugar 150 1/2 150 1/4 147 1/4 147 1/4

A special dispatch to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer from Portland says that three cases of smallpox have broken out in a lodging house in that city, making a total number of six cases now being treated by the city authorities.

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FLEEING FROM THE QUEEN. An anonymous writer in the Century tells how it came to pass that members of Queen Victoria's household and her guests and acquaintances were in the habit of keeping out of her way.

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PUBLIC CONSISTORY.

The Pope President at To-Day's Ceremony at the Vatican.

(Associated Press.) Rome, April 18.—At the public consistory this morning the ceremony of bestowing the red hats on the new cardinals occurred in the Sala della Benedizione in the presence of the cardinals, bishops, prelates, diplomats, functionaries of the Vatican, Roman nobility and numerous invited guests. The Pope, who was in excellent health, was warmly cheered. The Pontiff, seated on the throne and surrounded by his court, performed the ceremony and pronounced the Pontifical benediction. Subsequently the Pope received the new cardinals in his private apartments.

WALDERSSEE'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Had to Make His Way Through Window of Burning Palace in Pökin.

(Associated Press.) Berlin, April 18.—A dispatch from Pökin says that Count Walderssee escaped with great difficulty through a window from the burning palace of the Emperor, which was destroyed by fire yesterday. Major-General Schwartzkopf, Count von Walderssee's chief of staff, appears to have lost his life by returning to the burning building after having escaped from it.

TO-DAY WILL DECIDE.

(Associated Press.) Pittsburg, April 18.—The strike situation at McKeesport to-day was quiet, pending the decision of the National Advisory Board of the amalgamated association, which was expected to decide to-day whether or not there should be a general strike.

The National Advisory Board got together again this morning about 10 o'clock with 12 of the 15 members present, together with all the vice-presidents of the organization. At 11 o'clock there was a rumor about the amalgamated headquarters that there were some indications of an amicable agreement of the difficulty and that it was now possible that a general suspension of the union plants of the steel combine could be avoided. The members of the board, however, were positive in their assertions that there would be no settlement of the trouble unless all discharged men at the McKeesport Works were reinstated. This, it was said, was the ultimatum of the association. President Shaffer said no hasty action should be taken by the board.

TAKES DARK VIEW.

(Associated Press.) New York, April 18.—E. M. Clarkson, of the Eric Boatman's Transportation company and president of the Canal Forwarders' Association, said of the canal situation: "The outlook for the canal is anything but encouraging. In fact I believe that the refusal of the \$20,000,000 proposition practically destroys the prospect of any canal improvements whatsoever. In my opinion it was a great mistake not to accept the improvement that was within reach, and which would have doubled almost the facilities of the present waterway."

"No new boats are being built and none will be, and in three years time, I venture to say, the present number of boats will have been so reduced that the canals will be practically useless."

ANOTHER TRANSPORT ARRIVES.

(Associated Press.) San Francisco, April 18.—The transport Rosecrans has arrived from Manila with a portion of the 36th regiment. She will be held at quarantine for inspection.

MACEDONIAN CONGRESS.

(Associated Press.) Sofia, April 18.—The Macedonian congress met yesterday to elect officers. The credentials committee is now sitting. The indications are that the pacific element predominates in the congress.

GERMAN SUPPERS.

Are the prevailing fad. We have prepared a little book entitled, "Some German Suppers," which contains select menus for little luncheons in true German style, and incidentally reminds you that the proper beverage to serve in connection with them is Saint Louis A. B. C. Bohemian Beer. The book will be mailed free upon application to the American Brewing Company, St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

A caucus of the government supporters was held last night, when it is understood that the railway problem was discussed. No definite conclusion was reached. It is said, the government being still in a state of expectancy regarding the attitude of the Ottawa government. It is believed to the right of the Speaker that neither the railway policy nor the budget will be forthcoming this week.

Rheumatism. There is no excuse for suffering from rheumatic pains when a bottle of Griffith's Menthol Liniment can be obtained at any drug store for 25 cents. It immediately penetrates to every sore spot, and relieves every particle of pain. Just try it and see.

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